

POLICY

The Town supports CAMA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulations as applicable, reserving the right to review any proposed modification to existing regulations. The Town supports mitigation activities when used in conjunction with public purpose projects.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The Town will monitor development proposals for compliance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and continue to administer local land disturbing regulations.

b. Maritime Forests

BACKGROUND

The majority of the 490.5 acres of land in Kill Devil Hills that retains maritime forest vegetation is owned and managed for preservation by the North Carolina Nature Conservancy (Nags Head Woods Preserve), a private, non-profit corporation. Of this land, some 341 acres, is not considered to be endangered by private sector development or forestry harvesting. The management of maritime forest lands not owned by a preservation organization can be managed through the use of local land disturbing ordinances. With the exception of 124 acres owned by the Town, the balance (25.5 acres) is owned privately.

In July, 1997, the Town entered into a management agreement with the Nature Conservancy for management of Town-owned land in the Maritime Forest.

A policy identical to the policy which follows was included in the 1993 Update and the strategies for its implementation -- also identical -- were completed by the Town.

POLICY

The Town supports the maintenance and management of maritime forests and supports the use of locally adopted management guidelines. The Town encourages private owners of land in maritime forests to retain the natural wooded condition of their property.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The Town will continue to implement the regulations of the Maritime Forest Environmental District as found in Chapter 21, Zoning, of the Town Code and work with the Nature Conservancy for the management of Town-owned land in the Maritime Forest.